Fair, preceded by showers; southwesterly winds.

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KILLED BY A POLICEMAN.

BONG WRITER THORNTON'S BROTH. ER SHOT IN THE STREET.

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Thomas F. Thornton, brother of James Thornton, a song writer and concert-hall singer, was shot dead early yesterday morning by Policeman William J. Allingham of the West Twentieth street station. The shooting occurred in West Twenty-fifth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues. There are three versions of the shooting, two given by the dead man's brother and his common-law wife, who saw him killed, and the police story, which is probably the correct one.

According to his version, Policeman Alline ham, when on post in Eighth avenue, north of Twenty-fifth street, at 20 clock, heard some on shouting for help. Allingham ran to the corner of Twenty-fifth street, and looking cast saw three men struggling on the south side of the street in the centre of the block. As he started toward the men one of them fell, or was knocked down. The other two men ran west into the arms of the policeman. He grabbed both of them and hustled them back to the third man who was prostrate on the sidewalk. His face was covered with blood, and there was a lump on one side of his head.

"Did these men do anything to you?" asked Policeman Allingham, as he pushed his two prisoners in front of him so that the prostrate man could see them. "Yes, they did," was the reply. "They tried

to rob me." "Get up on your feet, then, and come to the station and make a complaint," said Allingham, turning his two prisoners toward Eighth avenue.

Allingham walked between the two men h had nabbed. He had a grip on each man's arm. and his night stick was under his right arm. When the three were in front of 240 West Twenty-fifth street, a few feet from the spot where the hold up had taken place. Thomas Thornton, who was nearest the curbstone, stopped suddenly and said to his brother John who was on the other side of the policeman:

"Let's take a chance." They both began to struggle to free themselves, and Thomas Thornton wrenched himself loose. As he did so he grasped Allingham's club and pulled it from under his arm. He jumped in front of Policeman Allingham, who

backed a step, dragging John Thornton with "Give me back my club," he said to Tom

With the night stick uplifted Thornton advanced on the policeman. As he stepped forward Allingham, with his free right hand, pulled his revolver. He pointed it at Thomas, who laughed and said: To hell with your gun."

Thornton was close to the policeman and his struggling prisoner by this time. He still held the club uplifted. As he attempted to bring it

the club uplified. As he attempted to bring it down on the policeman's head Allingham fired. Thornton recled and fell on his face. The noise of the shot brought the residents of the street to the windows of their houses. Several policemen came running up, and one of them relieved Allingham of his prisoner.

A moment after the shot was fired a woman rushed across the street. She knelt beside the wounded man and began to scream. She turned his face around and opened his waistcoat. A small stream of blood trickled down his shirt front from over his heart.

"Speak to me, Tom; speak to me," pleaded the woman as she passionately kissed and hugged the wounded man.

"You've killed my Tom, you've killed him," screamed the woman as a policeman dragged her away.

An ambulance arrived a moment later and Thornton was pronounced dead by the surgeon. His body was carried to the West Twentieth street station house. John Thornton had previously been locked up on a charge of highway robbery on the complaint of the man the brothers attacked, who was Claus A. Melander, a cabinetmaker, 28 years old, of 151 West Twenty-fifth street.

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there, and the police say she made such a disturbance in the police station that Acting Captain Waish ordered her looked up on a charge of intoxication. Mrs. Thornton denies that she was drunk, and says that she was arrested as she was weeping over the body of her husband on the street where he was shot down.

After Policeman Allingham had made his report of the shooting to Acting Captain Waish, he was suspended pending an investigation as to whether the killing of Thornton was justified. Coroner Dobbs was notified, and after viewing Thornton's body he granted a permit for its removal to the Morgue. He paroled Allingham in Capt. Walsh's custody until the inquest on Thursday. When he tried to get a statement of the shooting from the dead man's brother he refused to say anything.

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Mrs. Thornton, after giving her pedigree at the West Twentieth street station, was removed to the West Thirtieth street station, where there is a matron, She told Coroner Dobbs that her husband left their home at 460 West Twenty-first street late Saturday afternoon, saying that he was going to meet his brother James, the song writer, to try to get some money from him. He promised to meet her at 2 o'clock yesterday morning in a saloon on the northeast corner of Seventh avenue and Twenty-fifth street.

Mrs. Thornton said she went to the saloon and walted several minutes after the appointed time for her husband. As he didn't appear, she decided to walk toward Eighth avenue, as she frequently before had met him in front of the Utah House on the northeast corner of Twenty-fifth street. Midway in the block she saw two men, she says, on the south side of the street walking castward. She didn't recognize either man, she said. As they got opposite her a policeman ran up behind them, and, drawling a revolver, fired a shot at one of the men. As he fell she aaw he was her husband. She ran across the street to where he was lying. She said she saw no struggle, and did not see her husband attempt to strike the policeman.

Mrs. Thornton and her brother-in-law were taken to Jefferson Market Court yesterday morning and arraigned before Magistrate Kudilch. The woman was clarged with intoxication and Thornton with highway robbery. Cabinetmaker Melander swore to the latter complaint, and Thornton with highway robbery. Cabinetmaker Melander swore to the latter complaint, and Thornton with highway robbery. Cabinetmaker Melander swore to the latter complaint, and Thornton with highway robbery. Cabinetmaker Melander swore to the latter complaint, and Thornton with highway robbery. Cabinetmaker Melander swore to the latter complaint, and Thornton with highway robbery. C

was wanted.

Martin Jansen, 31 years old, of 269 Seventh avenue, who told the police that he witnessed the shooting, was sent to the House of Deten-

Thornton talked to a SUN reporter after Mrs. Thornton talked to a Sun reporter after she had been locked up in the court prison, and repeated the story she told to Coroner Dobbs. John Thornton, when seen in his ceil, said he was innocent of the charge of robbery on which he was the delth as the corner of Eighth avenue and Twenty-fifth street waiting for his brother he saw him fighting with Melander. When he ran up to separate the men Allingham came up, and grabbing him, shot his brother. Thornton said he wasn't drunk, but admitted that his brother acted as if he had been drinking.

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ment at the Park Theatre. Boston, was notified of his brother's death. hie is expected here to take charge of the body. His wire. Bonnie Thornton, the actress, who sings many of his songs, called at the Morgue in the afternoon and inquired as to the result of the autopsy on the body of the dead man made by Coroner's Physician Weston. When asked: "Are you related to Thomas F. Thornton?" she answered, "No, sir; I am not."

Miss Thornton waited patiently until Dr. Weston finished the autopsy, and asked permission to handle the bullet which caused the man's death. The Doctor got it and placed it in her hand.

How did the bullet kill Thornton?" asked

Miss Thornton.
"Went right through his heart."

"It struck the spinal column and was deflected to the right side, from which it was cut."
"There is a dent on the face of the bullet."
"That was made when the bullet struck the spinal column." spinal column."
"Did he live long?"
"I think he murt have died immediately."

"How horrible ?"
Miss Thornton gave a little nervous chudder and sauntered out, after thanking Morgue Keeper White and Dr. Weston.
Thomas Thornton was 25 years old and had lived with the woman he called his wife for the past five years. During the past 2½ years they have both frequently figured in the police courts. Mrs. Thornton generally appeared as

the complainant against her husband, who used to beat her. The last time she had him arrested she said that he had beaten her thirty-six times. At that time both her eyes were closed and her body was a mass of cuts and brulses. When it came time for her to appear against her husband she wouldn't press the charge she had made.

Thornton did odd jobs for a living, and recently worked in a Brooklyn concort hall. When he didn't work, the woman he lived with supplied him with money. He apparently never questioned how she came by it. After a drunken brand over a year ago he beat his wife and she had him arrested. He was hold for trial in Special Sessions. His case was the last one that came up before the old Special Sessions Justices. They attempted to dispose of it in the corridor of the Tombs after the new Special Sessions Justices had taken their seats on the bench, but their action was recently declared illegal.

Allingham became a policeman in March. His superiors say he is an efficient officer and that he has a good record. He says that he is sorry for killing Thornton, and did not intend to shoot him in a vital part of the body when he fired.

KILLED BY A NEWSPAPER WAGON.

A Well-dressed Man Whose Name Is Not Known Run Down to Sixth Avenue. A newspaper delivery wagon was driven south on Sixth avenue at a rapid rate of apced a few minutes before 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The wagon was so heavily laden with newspapers that the top of it swayed from side to side. The driver of the wagon urged his horse to greater speed as he neared Thirty-second street. As a well-dressed man started to cross from the northwest corner of Thirty-second street to the southeast corner an elevated train rattled over head and for a moment drowned the noises of

The man looked neither to the right nor the left, and evidently did not hear a cry of warning from the driver of the newspaper wagon. The horse knocked him down and his skull was crushed by the wheels of the heavily laden

A policeman appeared and half carried half dragged the body of the man to the corner he had started from. He laid him on the sidewalk in front of the corner saloon, and a crowd of men and women soon surrounded him.

"I think he'll die." muttered the policeman to another bluecost, as he asked him to summon n ambulance. While awaiting its arrival the crowd of

showily dressed women and half drunken men riged around.
"Give him-hic-zome air," said one man "Give him—bic—zome air," said one man drunker than the others.
"Go soak your head," said one of the women. They laughed and joked about the dring man as they waited for the ambulance. As it drove up to the curb, the waiting policeman said to

the surgeon:
"Too late. He's dead."
"Yes, he's dead." said two physicians who had been working over him, and who had been attracted by the crowd. tracted by the crowd.

The dead man was carried to the West Thirtieth street station house. The body was examined, but the police could find nothing on it to tell who he was. He had a gold watch and \$5 in his clothes, but no papers or letters. He was apparently about forty years old. His hair was brown and tinged with gray. His face was full, and he wore a brown moustache.

The body was removed to the Morgue later in the day, and the name "J. L. Sharpe" was found on the underciothes. No such name is in the city directory. the city directory.

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NO CLUE TO THE ROBBER.

Betectives Cannot Tell Who Stole \$5.000 from the Hamburg-American Company, in Hoboken, Saturdar afternoon, is still as much of a mystery as ever. Although detectives have been diligently at work on the case, no suspects have yet been reported. The money which was stolen was drawn from the Second National Bank of Hoboken on Saturday forenoon for the purpose of paying off the employees on the pler, as is the custom every Saturdav. Capt. Edmund Badenhausen, who is superintendent of the company's Holoken interests, has his office on the second floor, over the pier. It was from his office that the money was taken.

The employees attached to the office are August Peters, who is paymaster: Otto Clamens, bookkeeper, and Chief Clerk Kellers. Peters draw the money from the bank, and he says he in the fire and used in the surface of the outside of the Convention hall under the bank, and he says he in the fire and most the free mounted the fire and conventions with his members must observe to be entitled to vote at a primary election in recognized everywhere excepting at the forms of the convention hall under the outside of the Convention hall under the capture of the convention has the safe in the office are allowed the same and the present their delegation at Saratoga as the free choice of all the fermion which are friendly to the state Convention, and then present their delegation at Saratoga as the free choice of all the fermions which its members must observe to be entitled to vote at a primary election in recognized everywhere excepting at the fermion of the convention hall under the convention hall under the conventio

bookkeeper, and Chief Clerk Kellers. Peters drew the money from the bank, and he says he placed it in the office safe shortly before noon. The safe is an old-fashioned arrangement without cny combination. It is locked by a key. Of the money \$3,000 was in \$10 bills, \$1,100 in \$1 bills, and the remainder in silver. It was missed about 3 o'clock when it was needed to missed about 3 o'clock when it was needed to pay the employees. Capt. Badenhausen was superintending some work on the pler when the theft was reported to him by Chief Clerk Kellers. He immediately notified the police. Kellers said that secured the key of the safe from Peters when the latter left the office to go to lunch in the afternoon. The safe was locked, and when he opened it he discovered that the money had been taken. About \$1,200 in sliver had been left in the safe. This was in a canvas bag. Capt. Hadenhausen said yesterday that he always carried the key of the safe himself, but in this instance he gave it to Peters to lock up the money. Between four and five hundred men are employed on the pier. A watchman is stationed at the gate leading to the pier both day and night, and the rules against allowing strangers on the pier are strictly enforced. Yesterday the rules were more severe, and only officials or those who possessed passports were allowed to enter. No employees were paid on Saturday, and a sign on the gate announced that payment would be made on Monday. The police see confident that the robbery was not committed by a professional. They are inclined to believe that the safe was opened with a duplicate key. pay the employees. Capt. Badenhausen was

A SERVANT BURNED TO DEATH. Her Mistress also Badly Burned by an Exploding Gasoline Stove,

PLAINFIELD, June 28.-Alice Morcum, a 15year-old servant, was burned to death and her mployer, Mrs. Gertrude Peterson, sustained injuries which it is feared may prove fatal in an explosion caused by attempting to fill a lighted gasoline stove this morning.

The accident occurred at Mrs. l'eterson's oarding house, 623 Lagrande avenue. Shortly after 7 o'clock the boarders in the house were startled by acreams coming from the kitchen where the two women were preparing break fast. Nathaniel E. Greenidge, one of the boarders. rushed from his room up stairs to the floor be-low, where he met Mrs. Peterson in the hall, her clothes enveloped in flames. He shouted for help, and Eugene Heinerman, a next door neighbor, responded with a blanket. Hetnerman seized Mrs. Peterson by the arm, but the burned flesh gave away. Size was pusited out into the yard, and, after considerable difficulty, in which both men were severely burned about the hands and arms, the flames were extinguished, decrum writhing in pain on the floor of the dining room, with her clothes aftre. The flames were extin-guished, but not until the flesh had been charred argund the upper portion of the body. She died rushed from his room up stairs to the floor be-

guished, but not until the flesh had been charred around the upper portion of the body. She died flye minutes afterwards.

The woodwork near the stove took fire and the fire department was called out. The flames were quickly extinguished. It was fully half an hour after the accident before a physician was secured to attend to the wounds of Mrs. Peterson. She was afterwar is taken to the Muhlenberg Hospital, where she is now in a precarious condition. Her flesh was burned to a crisp. The girl who lost her life recently came to Plainfield with her parents from New Brunswick.

TROLLEY TRAFFIC IN BROOKLYN. 600 Violations of the Ordinances in One Week Reported.

Detective Sergeant Reynolds, who is in charge of the Police Headquarters squad in Brooklyn. has had some of his men specially at work re-cently observing the operations of the trolley To-day he will submit a report to Super intendent McKelvey showing that during the week between June 19 and 26 no less than 600 alleged violations of the trolley ordinances were

alteged viblations and standing on the front platforms and side steps. The majority of the violations were on the Goney Island cars. The troiley detectives had little to do yesterday, the traffic being exceedingly light owing to the bad weather.

AT SARATOGA AUGUST 25.

PROPOSED DATE OF THE REPUB. LICAN STATE CONVENTION.

This Will Give the Miller Circus Lots of Time to Circulate-Then the Miller Men Can Bolt and Vote Ballots with 38 to 50 " X's" On Them-Who for Governor

Should the present intention of the leaders of the Republican State organization be carried out, the State Committee, which will meet at the Fifth Avenue Hotel a week from to-morrow, will call the State Convention for Aug. 25 at Saratoga. It may be called for a date a week earlier, but this is not considered probable. It is usual to call the State Convention early in rears when Presidential contests are on and to make the campaign for State officers coincident

with that for the national ticket.

Not since 1888 have a President and Governor been chosen at the same election. The Republican Convention was held that year on Aug. 28, on a call issued twelve days before. Warner Miller was the party's candidate for Governor

There are some organization Republicans who want a Convention earlier than the date pro-posed, in view of the threat made by Mr. Miller William Brookfield, Lieut.-Gov. Saxton, Cornellus N. Bliss and their friends, to bolt and ominate a ticket of their own. The advice of Mr. Platt is not to pay any attention to these gentlemen, but to go on attending to the affairs of the party in the ordinary way.

Mr. Miller, Mr. Milholland, Mr. Brookfield, and the Lieutenant-Governor will have plenty of time to make their swing around the circle of the counties in a parlor car and at-tempt to break the ranks of the organization, and nothing will be done by the organization to interfere with their plans except to keep the ranks closed up to prevent a break. The local leaders in the sections to be visited will look after this.

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After the circuit, the machine leaders say, Mr. Miller and his co-workers will find that Mr. Platt will still have behind him more than 000 of the 758 delegates elected to the State Convention. The Mc Kinleyites, under the leadership of the same men who are engaged in the present crusade against Platt, managed to get 109 votes for a Mc Kinley resolution in the State Convention held in the Grand Central Palace last month to elect delegates at large to St. Louis. Many of these votes were polled by Brooklyn delegates. Since then the Worth forces have increased in strength in Kings county, and it is said that there will be fewer anti-Platt votes from Brooklyn in the August Convention. The machine men expect to defeat the Herkimer statesman in his own county, and to elect delegates in several Assembly districts. the Herkimer statesman in his own county, and to elect delegates in several Assembly districts which sent McKinley men to the March Convention, and they say they don't believe Miller will have 100 delegates, at least 100 who will follow him to the extent of bolting. There may be some men who can secure election to the Convention who are consistent anti-Platt men, but who are too thorough organization men to bolt.

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The estensible basis of this fight is to be the maintenance of supremacy by Mr. Platt through fraudulent methods, particularly in the matter of the enrolled organizations in New York city, Albany, and Syracuse. The election district hands of the matter of the supremaind at the instance ystem in this city was adopted at the instance of Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Bliss, and his friends, who aid that it was designed to do away with political control of the control

these delegates will have to crack their heels on the outside of the Convention hall until Mr. Miller can muster his friends to leave the regular Convention to join them.

The State Committee, which will pass on the contests in the first instance, has but two memcontests in the first instance, has but two members of the thirty-four, it is said, who can be counted on as favorable to the kickers. They are Mr. Brookfield of the Thirteenth New York city district and William H. Robertson of West-chester. Although Erie county is expected to join in the bolt, the two State Committeemen from there, John R. Hazel and Harvey J. Hurd, it is said, will not countenance any such action, and William J. Glenn of the Thirty-fourth district, which sent two McKinley delegates to St. Louis, comes from Allegany county, which was true to the cause of Gov. Morton. As the contestants will stand no chance of getting on the temporary roll, the action of the Committee on Credentials will be a foregone conclusion. They will be excluded permanently.

a foregone conclusion. They will be excluded permanently. There are several interesting questions which will arise in case the boit is made as threatened. The Kaines Bailot law presents one of them. The boiters cannot have the party emblem, but will have to nominate as independents. They will not be permitted to have the full column with the Presidential electors, for the electors are chosen at Congress district Conventions by the regular organization.

This means that the McKinley men who vote the boiters' ticket will have to put an X mark in front each of forty or fifty mames on the affixed bailot in order to do it. The bailot will be a big handicap for Mr. Miller and his candidates, but matter of interest involved is the con-

be a big handicap for Mr. Milier and his candidates.

Another matter of interest involved is the control of the Assembly by the Republicans. It is understood that the arrangement of the kickers goes even to the extent of moninating independent candidates for the Assembly in all cases where they cannot secure the nomination of anti-Platt men.

One of the results of this new movement will probably be a general purging of the rolls of the Republican organization in this city under the authority granted by section 26 of the Constitution, which permits the striking from the rolls of the name of every person who "shall affiliate with or become a member of any organization hostile or liminical to that of the organization of the Republican party of the city and county of New York."

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The McKipley League, which is behind the movement, may be declared to be of that order, in which case the Committee on Organization may go to work and strike from the rolls the names of Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Bliss, A. H. Steele, names of Mr. Brookfield, Mr. Bliss, A. H. Steele, and others who have joined it.
Just who will be nominated for Governor and Lieut-Governor by the State Convention no one can tell yet. It is an open fight. Messrs, Miller, lillss. Brookfield, Steele, Saxton, Milholland, Roberts and a lot more of the original seventy-seven candidates seem to have declared themselves out of it by their movement against the organization.

ganization.
There has been talk of renominating Gov. There has been talk of renominating Gov. Morton, but it is remembered how he refused to permit his name to be used when he might have been nominated for Vice-President at St. Louis because a fight was being made against his selection. It is not believed that he would accept a nomination for Governor with a bott pending. Ex-Schator Platt spent a quiet day at the Oriental Hotel, Manhattan fleach, yesterday. The weather kept the politicians away, so that he had an absolute rest. The Hon. Warner Miller was at the Beach, but he did not get each of the bathing pavillon, and consequently did not see Mr. Platt. He was not looking for the Floya statesman. not see Mr. Platt. He was not booking for said Tiga statesman.
Mr. Miller said he thought that the proposi-tion to call the Convention for the latter part of August was a fair one, and that he and his friends will be satisfied with that date.

The Referee Decides Against Russell Singe. In the suit of Russell Sage against Frank P Demarest of Nyack, which was referred to E. Coleman by Judge Dickey, the referee de ides against Sage and Mrs. Trevis, the petitioner. Mr. Sage stopped payment on a \$1,500 check he paid Demarest for a mortgage on Mrs. Trevis's place in Rockland county, which Demarest got for \$500. Referes Coleman's decision, which is subject to the court's approval, uphoids Demarest's deal as an honorable transaction.

A Paterson Mill Burned. PATERSON, June 28.—Todd's mill in Van Hou-ten street was burned to-night. The loss was \$100,000.

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JONES OF ARKANNAS ON HAND. The First of the Silver Leaders Arrives

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in Chicago for the Fight. CHICAGO, June 28.—Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas arrived in Chicago to-day.

comes early to attend the meeting of the Bimetallic National Convention called for Tuesday next, and is the first one of that committee Senator Harris of Tennessee, Secretary Towler

of Missouri, and others are expected early in the morning. Mr. Jones said to-night that the committee

has a great deal of work before it before the opening of the Convention. The outlook is very encouraging for the free-silver people," he said, "and we are certain

free-silver people," he said, "and we are certain of success. But the gold element is well organized, and we wish to be similarly fixed to meet them.

"We also wish to be prepared to look after the appointment of committees and see that we get a fair show in that direction.

"I have read that Chairman Harrity expects to exclude certain silver men from the Convention. I doubt that Mr. Harrity has made such a statement, but if he has, we wish to know it.

"The majority of the National Committee are gold men, but I do not think they will attempt anything unfair. Still we must be prepared for all emergencies at the Convention."

"COIN" HARVEY'S GREAT SCHEME For a Bland and Butler Ticket and Cabinet

Spotls Divided in Advance, ASHLAND, Wis., June 28,-W. H. ("Coin" Harvey, in an interview here to-day, said: "My plan is to combine the silver forces of the United States, I am trying to combine the Democrats, silver Republicans, and Populists, and have suggested the following plan to the leaders of the parties: For President on the Democratic ticket, Bland of Missouri.

"If elected give him the appointment of one Cabinet officer only, Secretary of State. Let the Democrats endorse the Populist nominee for Vice-President on the Populist ticket, Senator Marion Butler of North Carolina. Let the Populists endorse the Democratic nominee for President.

"Let Mr. Butler, if slected, dictate the appointment of Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of War, and Secretary of the Navy. Concede to the silver Republicans three Cabinet places Senator Teller of Colorado, Secretary of the Treasury; Judge Caldwell of the United States Circuit Court, Attorney-General, and Mayor Pingree of Detroit, Postmaster-General.

'The silver cause is desperate and we cannot beat McKinley without we combine as I have indicated. I have suggested the plan to Altindicated. I have suggested the plan to Altgeld, Bland, and other leaders, but it has not
been made public yet. Itell the Democrats not
to make their platform too Democratie.

"They cannot win as Democrats, but as combined Democracy, Populist, and Silver Republican. I am in favor of Bland for President because his name is a platform in itself, just as
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"The intention of our forefathers in establishing our electoral system was that the electors should be elected as they are now and that they should then meet, and, after discussion, vote for whom they wished. There is no law compelling an elector to vote for any man.

"It is simply custom. Republican electors vote for the man at the head of the ticket and the Democrats do the same. Now I want to tell you that if the Democrats, Populists, and free-silver Republicans do not get together as I have indicated they will ultimately combine in the electoral college. For instance, if straight Democratic electors are elected in the South, silver Republican electors in Colorado and Newada, and Populist electors in North Carolina and Kansas, these electors will unite when they meet next winter and vote solidly for such men as Bland and Hutler.

"The plan I suggest of dividing Cabinet offices among the part!—and the distribution of Cabinet offices will take care of eight States, Plagree can carry Michigan, Teller half a dozen Western States, and Caldwell, There are eight Cabinet paces, and their distribution in this way beforehand would carry eight doubtful States for silver."

He Is In Earnest to Secure the Presiden. LEXINGTON, Ky., June 28. - When the Demooratic State Convention instructed Kentucky's twenty-six delegates to vote for Senator Blackburn for President, first, last, and all the time. t was considered a mere compliment. Within the last few days it has come to light

that Senator Blackburn did not consider the instructions of the Convention except in a serious light. He has written to friends throughout Kentucky teiling them that he will make an active campaign for the nomination.

There will be a meeting of his friends in Chicago on next Wednesday, when the plans to secure his nomination will be perfected. leaders say that Blackburn is by far the strongest man the silver Democrats have so far considered. He has succeeded in carrying Mr. Carlisle's own State for silver by an overwhelming majority, and that, too, after Blackburn's State ticket had been defeated and he himself had been turned down for the United States senatosahip through the opposition of the Cleveland Administration.

Although twice defeated, Mr. Blackburn's friends say that he never wavered, and although the Administration at Washington sent men into Kentucky to work against the free colonge movement, Blackburn succeeded in sweeping away all opposition and capturing the State for free silver with the loss of only one Congress district.

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The Blackburn men argued that this is a greater victory than any accomplished by either of the other silver aspirants for the Presidency, and they firmly believe that he ought to have the nomination. In one of Blackburn's letters, which was received on Saturday, he says that several of the leading free-coinage advocates will hold a meeting in Chicago next Tuesday, at which not only the tone of the platform to be adopted by the National Democratic Convention, but its exact language will be agreed upon. Mr. Blackburn writes that, notwithstanding all Mr. Whitney has said, there will be no compromise, and that the Chicago Convention will adopt a platform for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at sixteen to one. Senator Blackburn will be placed in nomination at Chicago by either John S. Rhea of Russeliville, Judge James F. Tarvin of Covington, or Gen. P. Wat Hardin of Harrodsburg.

TO MAKE MICHIGAN SILVER.

Plans of the Free Hilverites to Overthrow Don Dickinson.

Don M. Dickinson of Detroit, who has been here conferring with William C. Whitney, is very much flustered over the news which certain members of the Democratic National Committee have disclosed to Mr. Whitney. This news was to the effect that the free-silver men will undoubtedly control at Chicago the Committee on Contested seats, and propose to attempt to capture two-thirds of the delegates in the Convention by "stealing" the twenty-eight delegates from Michigan, where the unit rule delegates from alterngan, where the unit rule prevails.

The situation of the Michigan delegates at the present time is that I on Dickinson controls if teen of them for gold, and his adversaries thirteen. The free silver men have already notified Mr. Dickinson and his friends that they propose to seat two of the silver contestants, thus giving the silver delegates the majority in the delegation, and, inasmuch as the unit rule applies in the State, these twenty-eight delegates will undoubtedly be thrown into the free-silver camp.

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When this news was discussed at the confer-ence at Mr. Whitney's home on Friday, most of those present were ready to admit that the free silverites, if they persisted in such tactics, would undoubtedly control the monimation of the candidate just as easily as they will control the making of the hatform. Senator Harris of Tennesses and Senator Vest of Missouri footh wish to be Chairman of the Committee on Reso-tations. They do not like lon Dickinson, and would welcome an opportunity to humiliate the Michigan statesman.

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would welcome an opportunity to humiliate the Michigan statesman. It has already been said in The Sirs that those who attended Mr. Whilner's conference do not believe that the gold Democrats should belt. Mr. Whilner expressed his own views on this subject when he said:

"If the gold Democrats belted at Chicago, there would be but one result, and that would be to divide the vate of the gold men. The silver men would like nothing better than to have the gold Democrats belt at Chicago as they would then enter the big Eastern States and get around them the Republicans and Democrats who are tainted with free silver, and the greatest complications might ensue. So there will be no belt on the part of the gold Democrats."

TO MEET M'KINLEY TO-DAY,

COMMITTEE OF NOTIFICATION AS-SEMBLES IN CLEVELAND.

They Will Go to Canton This Morning and Formally Tell the Major That the Republicans Have Nominated Him for President-Loving Cap Given to Manna

CLEVELAND, June 28. Some of the Ohio delegates to the late Republican Convention tendered to M. A. Hanna a reception and dinner at the Union Club last night, Congratulatory toasts were responded to, and Mr. Hanna's generalship was lauded. Among those present were members of the Notification Committee, which will notify McKinley of his nomination to-morrow. Mr. Hanna was presented with r loving cup containing the following inscription: "Complimentary to the Hon. Marcus A. Hanna, commemorating his peerless champion-

ship of McKinley at St. Louis, June 18, 1806." The members of the Republican Presidential Notification Committee were all here to-night with the exception of Mr. Rogers of Utah, who telegraphed that he could not come. The committee will go to Canton to-morrow morning. Senator Thurston, Chairman of the committee said to-night:

"I do not think there is any question that Mc-Kinley will win a great victory, but by what plurality I cannot estimate. I think we will lose Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, and Montana on account of silver. I do not think we can save them. The rest of the Western States will wheel into line for McKinley. I think the fight will shortly settle down and the tariff will force the money issue into second place.

Senators Teller and Dubols will be reflected to the Senate on silver tickers. It is rather significant that these two Senators were the only ones to bolt, and that they were both up for re election in gilver communities. Those who did not boit were not up for another term. I have no idea what Mr. Hanna will do about the Exec-utive Committee's headquarters. I think he should be allowed to fix them wherever is han-

should be allowed to fix them wherever is handies to his interest."

CANTON, O., June 28.—Major McKinley, tired out with the week's events, drove Mrs. McKinley to day to the country home of Mrs. McKinley's aunt, Mrs. Marie G. Saxton, and spent the day. The Major did not attend church this morning. The formal notification will occur to-morrow morning on the McKinley lawn, and will be public.

The party will arrive at 10:30 A. M. and leave 4 P. M. A lunch is to be served and and leave at 4 P. M. A lunch is to be served under a tent in the rear of the house. A Columbus delega-tion will come to-morrow night, and several other delegations will make their bows in front of the purch during the week. Otherwise the city will leave polities for three days to care for 15,000 Christian Endeavorers coming to the

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Gov. McKinley's speech to the Notification Committee will not be long, and he will not attempt to discuss in an elaborate way the issues of the campaign. Nothing in the way of an exhaustive formal utterance may be expected until he publishes his letter of acceptance, which will be in a month or six week. That is the usual time which a candidate allows to elapse between the date of his official acceptance of the nomination.

Major Nickinley is not disposed to depart from custom in the matter. He knows there is an abundance of time before the election in November next for the discussion of all political questions, and he does not wish the campaign to begin too soon and too vigorously.

Before he gives out his letter of acceptance he will probably make a short visit to the senside. He said with much emphasis this morning that under no effective that can be not not considered.

win probably make a short visit to the seaside. He said with much emphasis this morning that under no circumstances would be go to Newport or any other fashionable resort. He wants rest and immunity from visitors when he takes his vacation, and for that reason he will either spend a fortnight with his cousin, Col. Osborne, at Roxbury, Mass., or make a tour of the lakes on one of Mr. Hanna's boats. Some of his friends are orging him to adopt the latter course.

WILL M'KINLEY GO SOUTHS

A Report that He Will Swing Around the Ctrele in the Autumn. CINCINNATI, June 28.-Last fell, when Mc Kinley went to Louisiana, he talked protection to the sugar men until he made many SENATOR BLACKBURN'S CANDIDACY supporters among them. In the early au-tumn, it is said. McKinley ill again take a swing around the South, and pro-testion will again be his argument. The Southern speakers will carry with them an elatorate array of figures to be used in different parts of the South. Protection to the sugar in-dustries will be talked in Louistana and Missis-sipul, iron in Alabama and Tennessee, and wool sipul iron in Alabama and Tennessee, and wool will be the chief topic in Virginia and West Virginia. A desperate effort will be made to carry a few of the Southern States for the Napoleon on the question of tariff, leaving to the Democrats the task of extolling the virtues of free silver.

BUSHNELL TO TACKLE HANNA. Will Tell Him to Shoo Off Some of the

Anti-Platt Mosquitoes. Gov. Bushnell of Ohio will return to Columbus o-day. The Governor said yesterday that he had had a talk with ex-Senator Platt regarding the attempts to depreciate the work which Mr. Platt and Senator Lodge did in behalf of the gold standard at St. Louis. Gov. Bushnell told Mr. Platt that the efforts of the McKinley men in this direction were utterly without warrant, and that their claims were centrary to the facts. He said further that he proposed to see Chairman Hanna of the National Committee and tell bim plainly what he thinks of such tactics.

DIED PLAYING PINOCHLE.

Adolf Pragter Stricken with Heart Disease When It Was His Turn to Lead, Adolf Pragier, a retired clothler, of 23 Fast Ninety-ninth street, accompanied by his brother Julius and Solomon Solomons, went yesterday

afternoon to call on his friend Meyer Cohen afternoon to call on his friend Meyer Cohen, who lives at 64 East 128th street. Cohen proposed a game of pinochie, and as all were fond of cards the game was soon under way.

Just before 6 o'clock Solomons dealt, and it was Adolf Pragter's turn to lead. The other players waited patiently for several minutes for him to play. Then they saw that his eyes were closed and that his face was very pale. Upon closer examination they found that he was unconscious. When a physician who was sent for arrived Mr. Pragler was dead. Heart disease was the cause of his death. Mr. Pragler was 57 years old. It is said that he was wealthy.

LYNCHED FOR FIGHTING.

Man Hanged in That Part of Louisians

Where Lynchings are Common. NEW ORLEANS, June 28, -This morning Frederick Post was found hanging on a large oak on the Rose plantation, on the boundary line between St. Charles and Jefferson parishes, just above New Orleans. He had been lynched last above New Orleans. He had been lynched last night by a mob. Post had had a fight a few days ago at the store of Paul Felix. Mayor of Kenner, with one of Felix's clerks. He was arrested, charged with breach of the peace and assault and battery, and locked up in the Kenner jail. It is said that the doors of the lail were not properly fastened, so that the mob had no difficulty in breaking into it, taking out Post and lynching him.

More lynchings have been committed of recent years in the immediate vicinity of the crime than in any other part of the country.

SENT THE WIDOW TO JAIL.

Result of Her Love Making and Asking for Money Through the Mails.

NEW ORLEANS, June 28. Post Office Inspector Dice received a complaint recently against Mrs. Sophie Hoffman, a widow of Austin, Tex., charging that some time ago she beguiled charging that some time ago she beguiled a young man of another State by letter writing to fall in love with her. She requested the man to send railroad fare and a sum for other necessary expenses, so that she might meet him and be married. The money was sent and the widow didn't keep her promises.

The deceived man put the matter in the hands of the Post Office authorities, and Mrs. Hoffman was arrested at Austin by Inspector Woods and is now in jail.

A Sleep Walker's Fall. John McCarty, aged 35 years, early yesterday

merning fell from the second-story window of his home at 74 Jay street, Brooklyn, and was severely bruised. He is supposed to have been walking in his sleep. Metropolitan Hotel, Broadway, Cor. 27th st.

Restaurant with perfect quisine. Moderate prices.

NEW DANGER TO CYCLISTS. Caterpillars Make Riding Risky in Bed-

ford Avenue, Brooklyn Bedford avenue is the favorite highway for bicyclists in Brooklyn, being the most direct and central route to the Eastern Parkway. Unfavorable for riding as yesterday was, the avenue was crowded with wheelmen. Some of them had a novel as well as unpleasant experience in their progress over the smooth aspiralt pavement on the block between De Kalb and

Willoughby avenues. Early in the afternoon it was noticed that few riders returning from the park escaped an upset at this point. For some at first unknown reason they would lose control of their wheels, and after wabbling around for a few seconds, slip off. Not infrequently three riders would be sprawling on the ground at the same time.

It was found that there was no defect in the pavement, which is as smooth as glass and much more slippery. It was owing to the latter condition that the singular mishaps occurred. It was finally discovered that the caterpillars. which proved such a great post last year and have returned again this summer, were responsible for the trouble.

There are big shade trees in this particular block, and yesterday thousands of the caterpillars dropped from the branches on the pavement and were crushed by wagon wheels. As oon as a bicycle struck the dangerous spot the tire would slip. Many women riders had their fresses badly soiled, but as far as could be learned no one was injured. As a precaution sand was thrown on the pavement and policemen were stationed at each corner to warn the wheelmen of the danger.

TORNADO IN KENTUCKY.

Several Buildings in the Town of West Louisville Destroyed, OWENSBORO, Ky., June 28.-West Louisville, ittle town near here, was struck by a tornado at

2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The house of C. L. Clark was wrecked, and Miss Pearl Hicks, who was visiting there, was instantly killed. Clark was injured, and will die. St. Alphonsus Catholic Church at St. Joseph was destroyed. A great many residences were badly damaged. St. Joseph's Academy was also destroyed. It is impossible to get a complete list of the injured. The tornado struck the town not far from the place where it struck in 1890, but did not extend to the business part of the town.

COALING STATION FOR UNCLE SAM. It Is Sald Benmark We id Sell St. Thomas

for a Sultable Price. LONDON, June 28. - The Times will to-morrow publish a despatch from Copenhagen saying that the suggestion in the Republican platform adopted by the St. Louis Convention that the United States should purchase the Danish colonies in the West Indies creates some sensation. It is believed that the Americans covet St. Thomas for a naval station. The consensus of ppinion in Danish circles is that the Government is prepared to sell at a sultable price.

ONE DEAD; THE OTHER DYING.

The First Child Falls from a Window, and the Second Over the Balustrade. Two-year-old Agges Depto had great fun yeserday afternoon watching from a window the children playing in the street in front of her parent's home on the third floor at 447 East 113th street. Her mother, who was holding her, was obliged to go into the back room for a minute, and she put the child on the floor. Agnes wanted to have more fun, so she climbed to the window bench, and, leaning far out, she lost her balance and fell to the sidewalk. She

lost her balance and fell to the sidewalk. She was killed.

At about the same time five-year-old Francis Bornett was playing in front of his home at 428 East Eighty-second street. When he got tired he climbed the four flights of stairs of the house, and, upon leaning over the balustrade to call to a playmate, he lost his balance and fell to the first floor. His skull was tractured and both legs were broken. When the ambulance took him to the Prespyterian Hospital the doctors there said he would probably not survive the night.

ANOTHER CHICAGO HOLD-UP. Thirteen Stores Have Been Robbed Openly

Within a Few Wecks. CHICAGO, June 28 .- The thirteenth store holdup here during the last few weeks was made last evening within a half block of the Harrison street police station, and the police are still looking for the men who so openly defy them.

The same tactics were used as in the other twelve cases.
Two men at 10 o'clock entered the shoe store
of A. Ruppert at 166 Harrison street and with
two revolvers each compelled the casher to
empty his cash drawer said hand over its conempty his cash drawer and hand over its con-tents. The day's receipts were in the wault, and only \$20 was secured by the robbers. As soon as the two men got possession of their plunder they ran out and down an alley. The descrip-tion of the men leads to the belief that they are the same that have been systematically rob-bing stores for several weeks.

A SHOPLIFTER'S SKIRT.

Its Contents Astonish the Matron at New-

ark Police Headquarters. Just before midnight on Saturday a woman ander the influence of liquor staggered along Washington street, Newark, and the attention of a policeman was called to something draggling behind her upon the sidewalk from the hem of her skirt. He stopped her and saw that the object was the puffed sleeve of a woman's silk waist. She was taken to Police Headquarters, where the matron quickly decided that the whole skirt was a shoplifter's bug atuffed with stolen goods. There was a big slit on the side, through which the skirt could be filled. From it the astonished matron took three silk waists, three China silk dress patterns, two India slik dress patterns, two pieces of flowered silk about ten yards each, eleven white slik neckties, and a paper of pins. There was nothing to indicate where the goods came from. The woman refused to tell her name. She was locked up. the object was the puffed sleeve of a woman's

CALEB FORD'S DEATH. Was It Hastened by His Transfer from the New York Hospital to Bellevue?

Coroner Hoeber will make an investigation to-morrow in the case of Caleb Ford, who died in Bellevue Hospital on June 20. He had received a fracture of the thigh bone six weeks previous to his death while getting off an previous to his death while getting off an Eighth avenue car. He was first treated at the New York Hospital. A few days before his death he was transferred to Bellevue. His wife believes that the transfer hastened his death. Coroner Hoeber has summoned the superintendent of the New York Hospital and the doctor and nurse who attended Ford to appear before him next Tuesday.

"If any one is to be blamed I am going to find out where the fault lies if I have to call every employee of the heapital before me," the Coroner said yesterday.

Two Checks Found on the Track. HASTINGS, N. Y., June 28 .- An envelope ad-

dressed to a New York firm containing two checks, one for \$40 and the other for \$34.50. endorsed by Margaret Leboutellier, was found on the railroad tracks between this place and Gienwood last evening. The envelope bare the Hastings postmark, but not the received postmark of the New York office. Besides the checks it contained a bill in payment of which the checks were drawn. The matter was reported to the Yonkers police, by whom the envelope and checks were turned over to the postal authorities. ostal authorities.

Andrew H. Green Better Again. It was said last night at the residence of An-

lrew H. Green, 91 Park avenue, that Mr. Green's condition was more favorable than on Saturday. Dr. Carr told the relatives just be-fore leaving the house at 10 o clock that Mr. Green's temperature and pulse were normal and his respiration good; that he had taken nourish-ment without any difficulty, and that there was a very great change for the better.

Maron and Maroness H. do Scillero Here, Baron Raymond de Seillière and his wife, formerly Mrs. Livermore of this city, arrived here yesterday by La Bourgogna.

MANY MINERS ENTOMBED.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

PROBABLE LOSS OF SIXTY-FIFE LIVES AP PITTSTON, PA.

The Boot of the Twin Shaft Mine of the Newton Mining Company Began to Creep and the Foremen and Best Workmen Were Sent to Prop It Up-Three Explosions Came and the Men Were Eatombed and Probably Killed-The Acting Mayor of the Town Among Them-Efforts to Rescue the Men or Their Bodies.

PITTSTON, Pa., June 28.-A mine explosion ore terrible in its consequences than any that has ever happened before in this place occurred at 3 o'clock this morning in the twin shaft of the Newton Coal Mining Company, and about seventy men, and perhaps more, are believed to be dead 600 feet under ground. It is the worst disaster for many years in the coal regions. General Superintendent Law of the company says that there are from sixty-five to seventy persons entombed in the mine. The exact number cannot be ascertained, because many of the men who were at work were Poles, and it is utterly impossible for Americans to keep in mind their names. The foremen, of course, have a complete list of these men, but the foremen are among the victims, with the books in their pockets.

The names of all the victims outside of the Poles are: The Hon. Michael J. Lang, superintendent of the Newton Coal Mining Company and acting Mayor of the city of Pittaton during the absence of Mayor Maloney in Europe; Michael T. Linnott, inside foremen and a member of the City Council; Alex. McCormick, fire boss and a member of the City Council; Thomas Tenpenny, fire boss; Robert Haston, master mechanic; Daniel Ward, assistant master mechanic; two Walls, father and son; - Costello, Patrick Kelly, Michael Gaughan, John Hart, James Dally, Michael Connor, Frank Kehoe, James Kehoe, James McDonald, Edward Delaney, Cornellus McGuire, James Golden, Thomas O'Brien, Michael Hughes, Edward Gilday, James Burk, Patrick Ruane, Thomas Gaffney, Thomas Demig, Austin Kane, Thomas Murphy, Owen Lee, Anthony Gordon, Dominick O'Mailey, Peter Martin, Michael Ford, Timothy Derrick, Thomas Carden, Patrick Gil-bride, John Gill, John Oberyle, and Peter Joyco.

What makes the disaster all the more keenly felt throughout the community is the fact that it was known that the men who were killed were working on a difficult and daugerous job. Therefore the mine officials took only the very best workmen in their employ when they started in the mine last evening. Some of the best-known miners in the region are among those in the mine. They are chiefly men known as company hands. They were engaged by the day to do the most important work, such as timbering, track laying, and in a general way in carrying out the orders of the foreman in regard to the operation of the mine. None is what is known as a coalcutter.
The "twin shaft" of the Newton Coal Com-

pany is only a few steps from the Union station of the Lenigh Valley and Delaware, Lackawanna and Western roads at Pittston Junction. and about a mile above the business centre of the city, and within the city limits. It is one of the oldest mines here. Several years ago it was owned and operated by G. C. Dinning & Co., Elmira coal operators, but about six or seven years ago a company of Philadelphia capitalists, of "hom Frank T. Patterson is the President, pure... of the colliery, made extensive improvements, and have operated it continuously ever since. At the shaft there are the head house, the engine house, the boiler house, and other smaller buildings. The coal is run by means of a high trestle half a mile long over the Lebigh Valley tracks to a large breaker which prepares the coal from several collieries. For some time it has been known that the mine was "working." That is, the roof was crushing in, or "creeping." Yesterday the crushing became more serious, and last evening at about 8 o'clock Superintendent Lang en-tered the mine with hig force of men. The intention was to strengthen the supports of the roof by erecting props along the gangway.

pelled to go to the place where the crushing was going on to set the props in place. What took place during the night will never be known unless some of the entombed men are recovered alive. It is known, however, that the men realized their danger, for several times during the night they were frightened by the terrible noise of the mine working. The root sank slowly with a frightful crackling. Ther was great danger, too, from the gas, which was great danger, too, from the gas, which cumulates rapidly in cases of this kind w. crevices are opened in the mine. The officials superintending the work knew all about this danger, and were supposed to use the utmost precaution. It is known that they worked with

Most of the men were engaged in cutting and

setting the timbers. The work was very dan-

gerous, for the reason that the men were com-

The work progressed until 3 o'clock in the morning. Then three terrible explosions occurred in quick succession. The shock was heard for miles around the shaft, people being awakened from their sleep by the noise and the rattle of crockery in the houses. The shocks resembled those of an earthquake. Presently an alarm of fire was sent in from the box nearest the ill-fated mine, and all of the companies in the city, responded. There was no need of their services however. The mine apparently was not on fire, but was filling up with the gases which so rapidly accumulate after gas explosions

in the mines. Three persons came out of the shaft alive after the explosion occurred. They are John Riker, Jacob Adams, and Frank Sheridan, the latter being a boy. They were not so far in the mine as the others, else they could not have come out. Adams said that he and Riker were engaged with a mule and two cars drawing timbers from the foot of the shaft to the place where the men were at work. This was the least dangerous part of the work. There is a long

slope midway between the two places. The men were going up this slope toward the foot of the shaft when the first explosion occurred. There was no fire, but the shock was terrific. The two men were blown by the upward force of the wind from the top of the car to the ground. They were unburt, however, barring a few slight bruises. Their naked mining lamps had been banging on their boot legs but they were extinguished by the gust of air. and the men were compelled to grope their way

as best they could in the darkness. The air was filled with dirt and dust and almost suffocated them. All along the mata-gangway leading to the foot of the shaft timbers had been thrown down, blocking the way. They managed to crawl over these, and, frightened and exhausted, they made their way to the foot of the shaft, and were drawn up to the surface to tell their story to the engineer, the only person who was around the place when they came up. These men say that the superintendent and the men at work timbering must have realized to the fullest extent the danger they were in, for several times during the evening the workings were squeezing so badly that they were all forced to flee for their lives

to a place of safety. The work of rescue was begun as soon as possible after the news was made known. General Superintendent John H. Law was at his home in West Pittston sick in bed, but he hurried to the scene. Mine Inspector Hugh McDonald was also notified and was at the mine very soon after the explosions. Mining officials from all over the district also arrived and lent their assistance in arranging a plan of action. They also brought to the mine all the men and apparatus that were needed for rescue. The shaft was clear and a party of rescuers were sens down very soon after the explosion. Others